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SUBJECT: LA PRENSA DIRECTOR CHAMORRO ON THE MEDIATION INIATIVE

SUMMARY: LA PRENSA DIRECTOR CHAMORRO IS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF OUTSIDE MEDIATION IN NICARAGUAN POLITICAL SITUATION AS HE SAYS THE ONLY ISSUE IS SOMOZA'S RESIGNATION, AND HE DOUBTS THAT CAN BE A SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION. END SUMMARY.

1. AMB MET ON SEPTEMBER 11 WITH XAVIER CHAMORRO, BROTHER OF PEDRO JOACHIN AND HIS SUCCESSOR AS DIRECTOR OF LA PRENSA, REGARDING THE COSTA RICAN MEDIATION INITIATIVE. AMB EXPLAINED US SUPPORTED THIS INITIATIVE AND EMB WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY OUR SUPPORT. AMB OUTLINED OUR PERCEPTION OF DETERIORATING SITUATION AND NEED FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT TO BREAK THE STALEMATE.

2. CHAMORRO ASKED HOW WE UNDERSTOOD MEDIATION INITIATIVE WOULD TAKE PLACE. AMB REPLIED WE SAW PRES. CARAZO INVOLVED IN EXPLORING DEMANDS OF OPPOSITION AND SEEKING AREAS OF COMPROMISE. AMB SAID WE VIEWED SUCCESS OF THIS EFFORT DEPENDENT ON

WILLINGNESS OF PARTIES TO MAKE "HEROIC SACRIFICE"
AND WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE INITIATIVE UNDERWAY WHICH WOULD
ALLOW INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE TO BE APPLIED.

3. CHAMORRO AGREED THAT SITUATION WAS BORDERING ON
CIVIL WAR AND SAID THAT ONLY SOMOZA'S RESIGNATION
COULD CHECK THIS PROCESS. HE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE
THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION REMAINED POSSIBLE, AND
INDICATED THAT IF A POTENTIAL SOLUTION APPEARED
TO HAVE SOME POSSIBILITY OF ACCEPTANCE, LA PRENSA
WOULD SUPPORT IT. HOWEVER, CHAMORRO CLEARLY
INDICATED HE SAW NO POSSIBILITY OF A SOLUTION
WITHOUT SOMOZA'S REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.
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